

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification

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Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 is a side view of a cleaning tank of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the cleaning tank of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a top view of a lower tank assembly.

Fig. 4 is a top view of a dispersion plate.

Fig. 4A is a top view of an alternative embodiment of a dispersion plate.

Fig. 5 is a top view of a plurality of perforations on the dispersion plate of Fig. 4.

Fig. 5A is a top view of a plurality of perforations on the dispersion plate of Fig. 4A.

Fig. 6 is a flow diagram of an embodiment of a recirculating ultrasonic cleaning system of the present invention.

Fig. 7 is a flow diagram of the cleaning tank used in the recirculating ultrasonic cleaning system of Fig. 6.

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In assembling the cleaning tank 100, the dispersion plate 106 is placed over the bottom perimeter flange member 120 such that flange gasket 108a resides between them. Flange gasket

108b is placed on top of the dispersion plate 106. Finally, upper tank assembly 102 is positioned such that the upper perimeter flange member 112 resides on top of the flange gasket 108b. The lower tank assembly 102 and upper tank assembly 104 can then be operably coupled with a plurality of fasteners 132, for example nuts and bolts that project through aligned bores in the bottom perimeter flange member 120, the dispersion plate 106 and upper perimeter flange member 112. Fasteners 132 can be exterior to or pass through the flange gaskets 108a, 108b. In an alternative embodiment, fasteners 132 can take the form of external clamps, for example c-clamps. By assembling the cleaning tank 100 in such a manner, it is possible to removably exchange alternative configurations of the dispersion plate 106, i.e., ~~dispersion plates 106~~ a second dispersion plate 107 having differing perforation 124 geometries, sizes and/or quantities. By varying the perforations 124, ~~[[the]]~~ dispersion plate 106 and second dispersion plate 107 can be tailored for specific cleaning rates, part geometries and/or part loading arrangements.